

## WOMAN CO. OFFICIALS

The following dispatch appeared a few days ago in the St. Louis Republic:

Mexico, Mo., Jan. 4.—Mexico, the county seat of Audrain county and the center of the "Blue Grass" section of Missouri, noted for its beautiful women and fine horses, claims to have not only the largest number of women deputies in its Courthouse, but to have the prettiest assistants for its county officials of any Missouri county.

There are four young women deputies beside Miss Louise Murphy, the private secretary of Prosecuting Attorney A. C. Whitson. These deputies are: Miss Lela Tinsley, Deputy Circuit Clerk; Miss Margaret Pulis, Deputy County Collector; Mrs. Nellie Collins, Deputy County Assessor, and Miss Mable Grafton, Deputy County Treasurer.

Mrs. Collins has been in the Courthouse longer than any of the other young women, having assisted her father in his duties as Assessor for the last four years. All the young women are well informed in their different departments and handle the work with as much ease and attention to detail as the men. Because of their neat penmanship or ability with the typewriter they are giving Audrain county some of the neatest records of any county in Missouri.

Whenever Judge W. W. Botts of the Probate Court, known for his "obeyless" marriage ceremony, has a wedding in his office most of these young women act as attendants to the bride and assist in the ceremony.

Mrs. Clara Snidow, who served several years as County Clerk in Audrain, filling out the term of her husband made vacant by death and later being elected for a term in that office, was the first woman in Missouri to fill such a public position.

### CIRCUIT COURT CASES.

W. A. Benbow, administrator on the estate of Bon Davis, for the use of Susan Davis and Verne Davis, widow and child of said Bon Davis, against the C. & A. railroad for \$35,000, action arising from the death of Bon Davis, an engineer, killed in an accident at Farber, Dec. 27, 1910.

Nannie Burnes vs. James Burnes, divorce.

W. D. Johnson vs. J. I. Case Co., attachment.

John Bledsoe vs. A. G. Letson, et al., contract.

Wm. Anderson vs. Viola Anderson, divorce.

Belle Fry vs. Warren Fry, divorce.

Esther Thole-Robinson vs. Chas. E. Robinson, divorce.

Benj. R. Haynes vs. Louise Haynes, divorce.

Joe E. Denham vs. Unk. heirs of John Samuel, perfect title.

D. M. Jennings vs. Unk. heirs Seaggs, to perfect title.

E. R. Locke vs. R. E. Stowey, et al., replevin.

J. C. Mundy et al., vs. E. E. James, on note.

Wm. Cowan vs. J. B. Woolery, et al., injunction.

James H. Ware, vs. W. F. Farrell, app. Justice Peace.

Martha Neal et al., vs. Unk. heirs Brown, to perfect title.

Banks vs. Deardorff, appeal, J. P.

The Mexico Christian church is arranging for a great revival service to be held in April. An evangelist and special singer will be secured.

### SPECIAL MENTION.

Miss Henderson Married—Walter Dugan Sued—Mr. Kesler's Family.

Leslie Crow, of Farber, broke his collar bone one day last week while playing at school.

Ab. Harrison, south of Benton City, had a big barn raising last Thursday. Neighbors came in and helped him with the work and then Mrs. Harrison assisted all to a sumptuous dinner.

Miss Lillian Henderson of Mexico was married in Kansas City one day last week to Mr. George Van Sands, a traveling man of Chicago.

A. Y. Smith, of Telford, Wash., attended the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Fannie A. Smith, who died recently at Gant, this county. Mr. Smith was raised in this county and had not been back before in 11 years. He is engaged in truck gardening in the West and is doing well.

Walter Dugan of this city, who is flagman on the Chicago & Alton passenger train, making trips between here and Jefferson City, has filed suit against Arthur Foster, a trader and farmer of Ashland, Mo., alleging that Foster attacked him with a knife at Cedar City on December 21, last, after Foster had been denied the privilege of riding on the train because he was supposed to be intoxicated. Dugan knocked Foster down and took the knife away from him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kesler, who live down southeast of Mexico, have a family of the old fashioned kind as to number—there are seven children, five girls and two boys. The father and mother and all were in town a few days ago and had their picture "took," in a group.

Rev. W. G. Hooper, district superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, has moved to Mexico and will make his headquarters here. Mr. and Mrs. Hooper gave a Swiss bell ringing exercise Wednesday night of last week at the annual meeting of the Mexico Baptist church.

Miss Mabel Randle, who with her parents about a year since moved from this city to Parsons, Kansas, was married a few days ago to Mr. Benton Forsythe, of Rensselaer, Ind.

### SURROUNDING AUDRAIN.

Wellsville Is Well—Rabbit Famine in Monroe—New Use For Baby Buggies.

James Will Martin of Auxvasse on Christmas day presented to each of his brothers and sisters a present of \$500 in cash. The recipients are Mesdames John T. Martin, John Johnson, 'Squire Turner, Lucy McDonald, Hon. E. W. Martin, Sam Perry Martin, and to the children of Mrs. Henry Martin \$500 collectively.

Harvey Jordan, a Shelby county youth, captured the \$200 offered by the Kansas City Star for the best acre of corn grown by a boy. The seed Harvey used were grown in Monroe county.

The little son of Jack Hales of Callaway county had the misfortune to lose all the fingers on his right hand, recently, while he and little Warren Humphrey were cutting wood. Warren missed the stick and cut off all the fingers on the boy's hand clear, except the little finger, which hung by a small piece of skin.

Carl Craighead, a pupil of the

St. Eunice school, north of Fulton, fell from the porch of the school building one day last week and broke both bones of one of his arms.

Jim Tully, of Vandalia, was shaking hands with friends over at Middletown Christmas week, says Chips, and while there went fishing. He caught lots of—nothing, as he sneaked around the back way and went back to Vandalia. Living over on the prairie, he has forgotten how to fish.

George Hall, of Mexico, has bought two buildings and a vacant lot in Fulton from the Lorenz heirs for \$3,500. The buildings are occupied by Levaugh's saloon and the Golding House.

There is a rabbit famine in Monroe county. The darkies are short on "fast meat" and are wondering what has become of bunny.

Reads an item from Wellsville: "They fumigate the school building and scrub the floors once a week here to prevent contagious diseases." It is suggested that Wellsville is well named.

A Moberly man started for home one night after a long session down town. It chanced that in the cellar of his house there had been for a long time one of those old fashioned wheels—tread mill wheels—that was used in the old days for a dog churn power. While the Moberly man was away his wife got a man to clean out the cellar and throw the wheel out in the back yard. The Moberly man started to get into the house the back way and got onto the wheel. He tramped it for 15 or 20 minutes and then gave up in disgust, saying: "If I have to (hic) chase this house all over town when I'm tired out this way, durned if I won't sleep in the barn an' let the old house go an' hunt it up in the mornin'."

At Bowling Green the thieves use baby buggies to haul away the coal which they steal. The Louisiana Press remarks that down that way the baby buggies are too busy with the babies to be engaged in such a nefarious business as that.

Andrew Nicholson, 75 years old, a large land owner of near Auxvasse, died last Thursday of paralysis.

Centralia will have no Fair this year.

A stockman, southeast of Auxvasse, had the misfortune recently to get the cholera among his hogs. Rather than have them dwindle along, and all die at last, and to save chance of spread, too, to his neighbors' herds, he shot 60 of them and burned them in one pile.

Barney Morrall and wife and son, out north of Thompson, were given a farewell surprise party last week by their many friends of the Fox and Trinity neighborhoods. Each visitor brought a well filled basket of good things to eat. This good family goes soon to Northwest Iowa, and they have the good wishes of all, at the same time the regrets of all, especially the Methodist folks, with whom they took such an active part in church work.

Dr. Pinekney French, formerly of Mexico, of late years a resident of St. Louis, has moved to Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. S. E. Kendall left this week for an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Tucker, at Frankford, Mo.

Mrs. E. E. Shay and children, of this city, recently visited relatives east of Auxvasse.

## W. C. T. U. SETTLEMENT SCHOOL

There is an interesting settlement school in the mountains of Knott county, Ky., called the Hindman Woman's Christian Temperance Union Settlement School. Miss Retta Gartrell, born and raised about four miles south of Mexico, and who moved here where she lived several years, is a teacher in said school. Her Mexico-friends will be interested in her work.

One of the teachers in the same school with Miss Gartrell, Miss Ethel De Long, was in St. Louis a few days ago, endeavoring to raise funds to start another school at Pine Ridge, Ky., to work in connection with the Hindman Settlement school. At a reception given in her honor Miss Long told something of the work she and Miss Gartrell are doing among the mountain children.

She said that the school now has an enrollment of 408 pupils, most of them of the purest Anglo-Saxon blood. She says they learn with a sureness and rapidity that cannot be surpassed in any part of this country.

The school has 74 acres of ground, on which all of the buildings are located. These include buildings for the 100 pupils who live at the school, a dairy, electric light plant, ice house, stables, barns and the main school buildings.

For maintenance the school receives \$1500 a year from the State of Kentucky. The rest of its annual \$15,000 maintenance fund is subscribed by people elsewhere.

"Means of access from one part of that region to another are very difficult, she said, and there ought to be such schools every 20 miles. That is one reason why we are trying to start one at Pine Ridge. There is no town there, but the district is thickly settled and is badly in need of good school accommodations.

"In our school at Hindman we prepare the pupils for college and besides giving them the regular courses of study such as Latin, mathematics, history, German and the like, we believe in teaching them to do things with their hands as well as with their brains, and so have courses in domestic science and manual training. And the domestic science is real domestic science, how to sweep, dust, sew, make bread and do all kinds of plain cooking."

### Mrs. Haydon Dead.

Mrs. Nellie Haydon, 70 years old, who, with her husband, "Jack" Haydon, formerly lived in this city, died last Friday at her late home in Santa Maria, Cal. She was the mother of Mrs. M. L. Jones of this city. Mrs. Haydon had been ill for several months and Mrs. Jones was at her bedside. The funeral was held in Santa Maria, Sunday.

Besides the husband, deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jones, as named above, and Mrs. Frank Misset, of Fresno, Cal., and one son, J. W. Haydon, of Taft, Ill. Mrs. Haydon was a fine Christian character, highly beloved by all who knew her. Her husband used to be a teacher in the Mexico High School.

The Y. M. C. A. organization in the McMillan High School now numbers 29 members. The organization is to be made permanent. The officers are: Orlando Worrell, president; Calvin Tilton, secretary; Morris Dry, treasurer; Russell Moore, sergeant; Ray Miller, attorney.

### SOME INTERVIEWS.

Frank Cawthorn's Visit—J. W. Jones Losing Hogs—Mr. Okey's Advice to Farmers.

W. W. Braden: I live on Middle Lick Creek, your old neighborhood, Mr. Editor. Here's a dollar. Above all things keep the Message a comin' during 1913.

F. E. Okey: Mr. Editor, you ought to warn the farmers against letting their horses eat the dry fodder in the fields. It causes indigestion; a number of horses in my neighborhood, about Benton City, have been sick lately. I lost a fine colt a few days ago from its eating dry fodder in the stalk field.

L. H. Biggers: Here's a dollar for the Message. Keep 'er coming. You publish a good paper; I like it.

Frank T. Cawthorn: I send you one dollar to push up my subscription date for the Message. My wife and I just returned from a visit out to my brother, O. T. Cawthorn's, near Hollinsville, also to my father's, P. R. Cawthorn, and my brother-in-law's, Fred Sappington. We had a feast at the latter place last Sunday, Dec. 29th. Those present were Josiah Marshall and wife, Fred Hankey and wife and two children, John Cawthorn and wife and two children; O. T. Cawthorn and wife and daughter, Dora; P. R. Cawthorn and wife and daughter, Neva, Paul Cawthorn, Jr., and myself and wife and two children. The dinner consisted of a big turkey, one gallon fresh oysters, ice cream, grape wine, and the greatest of all, a quarter of venison. Sumptuous doesn't half tell it. It was a real old fashioned feast, and besides what I mentioned were celery, cranberries and numerous other things that go along. Everybody sure enjoyed the dinner and one another's company. The venison came from Mr. Sappington's brother's Deer Park, near Centralia. One having gotten out of the park and grown wild had to shoot it. Besides my father and mother only one or two present ever ate venison before. It was fine and a great treat. My father had killed many deer years ago round over the country and on the farm where he lives now. He was born in 1840, just one mile from where he lives now. He lived where he was born until he was 27 years old, then moved to where he is living now. My mother was born about half mile from where they live now. Neither of them ever lived any place else, only moved once, and that was when they went to housekeeping. How about this moving record for now a days, folks?

O. R. Sims: Mr. Editor, here's a dollar for the Message to go to my father, O. B. Sims, for a year. Everybody happy and prosperous out Gant way.

E. D. Webber: What have I in the way of good stock on hands? I have a half dozen thoroughbred young Short-horn bulls, as fine fellows as you ever saw. They are from good families and each is indeed a fine animal. I expect to offer them for sale soon—as headers for herds.

J. W. Jones: My farm is one mile west of S. P. Emmons & Son's Long Branch Farm. Hog cholera is raging in our midst. Nearly all my neighbors have lost hogs. Recently I lost four sows and all would have had pigs. I have five other sows sick, and these I'm afraid I may lose too. Audrain county farmers are losing out heavily on hog stock.

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### STROTHER NEWS.

A Sad Death From Scarlet Fever.

Strother, Mo., Jan. 6.—Otis Wren of Illinois visited his parents here during Christmas week.

Jake Lewellen made a business trip to Paris Saturday.

Rochelle and Arthur Alverson are visiting their sister, Mrs. Lola Knight, of St. Louis.

Newt. Vaughn and George Nevins each had a large pile of wood sawed by Chas. Nugent's saw.

Roy Key and family, Frank Elliott and family, and Lewis Yates attended services at Perry New Year's day.

Mrs. W. L. Smithy entertained John and Anna Rie Fulton New Year's day.

Agnes Steinmiller is reported ill with pneumonia.

Stockwell Forsythe bought Jerre Smith's corn at 38 cents per bushel.

Mrs. Emma Smithy is suffering from grippe.

One of the saddest things that was ever known to happen in or near Strother happened the 28th of December. Margie Hughes, the 14 year old daughter of John Hughes, died of scarlet fever. No one was present except the family. Not a person in the country dare go sit up with the body, making it very hard for the mother. Everyone of the family had the disease except the mother.

### Slavens-Orr Wedding.

Mr. O. A. Slavens, formerly of Mexico and who is a brother of Mr. J. B. Slavens and Mrs. Bert Ingram here, and Miss Lola Orr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Orr, at Middletown, were married last Sunday morning at the home of the bride's parents. After the ceremony the happy couple left for a short bridal trip to St. Louis. They will reside in Laddonia. We join with many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Slavens long life and happiness.

### M. B. A. Officers.

Mexico Lodge Brotherhood of America has elected the following officers:

President, B. A. Powell; Vice-Pres., James O'Brien; Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Pearson; Treas., Mrs. Chas. Peterson; Chaplain, Mrs. Rosa Powell; Trustees, Mason Creasey, Elmer Keiser and John Feeht.

### Mr. Griffin Dead.

James Griffin, 73 years old, died last Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Pool, in Centralia. Besides Mrs. Pool he is survived by the following children: Mrs. Ed. Rodhouse of Mexico, and Jesse and W. L. Griffin, and Mrs. Wm. Scheppman, of New Truxton, Mo. The funeral was held at Thompson, Saturday, conducted by Rev. J. E. Ayseue, of Mexico.

O. B. Dingle, a prominent hotel man of Moberly, died last Thursday. The body was brought to Mexico Sunday for burial. He was a prominent Mason and 150 brethren of that order and other friends accompanied the remains here on a special train. The ceremonies at the grave were with Masonic honors and also with ceremonies conducted by the Elks.

## A BIG LITERARY PROGRAMME

At Union school house, Friday night, January 10.

A literary program in which five districts will be represented: Union, Washington, Seed Tick, Cedar Grove, and Beaver Dam.

After general exercises a joint debate will take place on the question, Resolved, That women should be granted the right or privilege of voting.

Those on the affirmative—Union, will be Prof. Charles Liebler, Prof. Russell Shutt, Prof. Melvin Shutt and Hon. George Watts. Those on the negative—Prof. Eben H. Dicus, Hon. Hiram Threlkeld, and Col. James H. Dilard. The fourth speaker will be either Hon. James Harrison or Hon. T. Melvin Wright.

A full house is expected, and the editor of the Message has a cordial invitation to be present.

Leader on the affirmative, Prof. Charles Liebler, of Union; negative, Prof. Eben. H. Dicus, of Beaver Dam.

Don't forget the time and place. There will be great things doing.

### ROBERT LUCKIE DEAD.

Mr. Robert Luckie, 74 years old, who used to live east of Mexico, died last Monday in the State Hospital at Fulton where he had been confined for two years. The wife survives him. Before her marriage she was Miss Florence Patterson. The following brothers and sisters also survive him: Wm. Luckie, of Mexico; John Luckie and Mrs. Eugene French, of St. Louis; Mrs. Quackenbush, of Kokomo, Colo., and Miss Clemma Luckie, of Nevada.

The body was brought to Mexico for burial, funeral held at the home of S. P. Emmons Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. F. Dunkle.

### Mrs. Wilson Dead.

Mrs. Mattie E. Wilson, the wife of James Wilson, of near Mexico, died Wednesday of last week at the State Hospital in Fulton. Besides the husband she is survived by three children, as follows: Mrs. Russell Watts, east of Mexico; Mrs. Chas. Mateer, south of Mexico, and Miss Ada Wilson, who resides at home. Deceased was an aunt of Robert Wilson and Miss Gertrude Wilson, both of this city. The funeral was held at Union Chapel, Saturday, southeast of Mexico, by Rev. H. B. Rice of Laddonia.

### Clark Calls Examination.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Speaker Champ Clark has ordered a competitive examination for cadet and three alternate cadets at the Naval Academy at Annapolis from the Ninth Congressional District, to be held at Mexico, Mo., on Saturday, January 18. To be eligible the applicant must be not less than 16 or more than 20 years old on the third Tuesday in February, and must have been a bona fide resident of the district for at least two years.

Miss Leona Scherer, who was stabbed on a Wabash train near Centralia last month, is still at the Hoxsey Hotel in Mexico, not yet fully recovered. She thinks the man Mituse who stabbed her was drunk at the time.

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